

who have less than 3 years to retire provided the findings of their study will have a direct bearing on the improvement of the Sangathan concerning employee morale, management system, human relations, organisational structure, etc. at the KVS or the Vidyalaya level;

5. The grant of study leave shall be subject to the approval of Vice-Chairman, KVS;
6. Study leave shall not be granted at a time to more than 1% of regular employees in a cadre; and
7. Study leave may be granted only once in the entire span of service for a period not exceeding 2 years.

Ground Water Level

2336. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of falling ground water level, a special project is being launched at the earliest, in Jabalpur district under which the repairs and renovation work of such old ponds falling in the district will be undertaken;

(b) if so, the comprehensive cost details of the project and the financial assistance etc. provided by the State and the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which this project will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) As per the information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, no such special project is being launched in the Jabalpur District.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Extradition Treaty with US

2337. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had any proposal to sign Extradition Treaty with the United States;

(b) whether the Government have studied the draft extradition treaty;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether the treaty has been signed;

(e) if so, when; and

(f) the other steps that are being taken by both the countries to combat terrorism including narco terrorism and drug trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (d). India and the US initiated formal talks on the proposal to sign a new Extradition Treaty

in 1993. Two rounds of talks were held, from 28 September-1 October, 1993 in New Delhi and from 19-21 October, 1994 in Washington. Thereafter, suggestions made by both sides were examined in detail on either side. Negotiations have since been concluded. India and the US are presently in the course of processing the text for signature under their respective systems. The draft of the new Extradition Treaty addresses the need felt by both Governments to revise existing extradition arrangements, keeping in view modern trends in extradition law and practice.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Government believe that international cooperation is essential to combat terrorism, including narco-terrorism and drug trafficking. There are established procedures of cooperation between the authorities of India and the US on counterterrorism involving exchange of information, training and mutual assistance for investigations and prosecutions. India and the US also have a Joint Working Group on Narcotics which meets annually. Stepped-up interaction between Narcotics/Revenue officials on both sides has helped strengthen cooperation in combatting illegal trafficking in narcotics at all levels, including production, trafficking and drug abuse.

New Regiment

2338. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :

SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to raise a new regiment during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether for the setting up of new regiment, army has to cut its funds for procurement of sophisticated arms and ammunition;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of vacancies in various ranks existing at present in the army;

(f) whether the Government propose to fill up all vacancies before raising the new regiment; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (g). Recently the Prime Minister has proposed setting up of Karnataka